

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Parks, Libraries & Arts

Tuesday, Sept 1, 2009

5: 05 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present:	Chair:	CM Stuckel
	Vice Chair:	CM Henderson
	Members:	CW Welch, CM B. Ackerson (arrived 5:20 pm), CM Blackwell and Jon Ackerson

Absent: **CM Peden**

Chairman Stuckel began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items For Discussion

Craig Buthod, Director of the Louisville Free Public Libraries - (Update on how the flooding has affected the libraries).

Craig Buthod, Director of the Louisville Free Public Libraries, spoke and gave a slide presentation. The following was discussed.

- ❖ Water from 3rd and 4th Street arrived fast in drive-way
 - ✓ Water came up from the sewers drains and down the elevators shafts and through windows
 - ✓ Water reached 8 feet level in the garage
 - ✓ Lost 9 vehicles
 - Three (3) Book Mobiles
 - Three (3) services trucks
 - Three (3) personal vehicles
 - ✓ Moved books to higher shelves and on to counter tops to save the books
 - ✓ Staff was moved to higher ground when water was too high
 - ✓ 50,000 to 60,000 books were lost
 - ✓ 150 Computers, servers, routers and switches were lost
 - ✓ Offices, workspace and personal belonging for about 40 staff members who worked in the operation center was lost
 - The basement is the operation system for the Library
 - ✓ All four elevators were severely damaged – in the 1969 Wing and 1908 Building
 - ✓ Lost boilers, chillers, air- handle equipment , duct work and control systems for the air-condition and heating systems
 - ✓ Lost electrical transformers , switches and the motor control system for the building
 - ✓ Lost floors, walls, ceiling, carpets, wiring, safety systems and everything else on the first floor operation center
- ❖ Recovery was all about saving the building
 - ✓ First stage water removal - The Fire Department and The Metropolitan Sewer District helped pump the water out of the building
 - ✓ Clear and clean Phase - 90 full size dumpsters of debris
 - ✓ Demolition of 55, 000 square feet of operation center
 - ✓ Inventory of all furniture and claims -before a wet book was thrown away it had to be scanned and added to the data base
 - To make sure the insurance company received the correct list
 - ✓ !0,000 Books had to be checked in and cleared from people accounts
 - ✓ The Building had to be made safe before people were allow to come back in

- ✓ All operations are down on the first floor
- ✓ A runner is sent to the second floor if an individual needs something
- ✓ The lower space will become the construction site
- ✓ New computers for Newburg Library destroyed
- ❖ Open the Newburg Branch Library last week
 - ✓ Library Foundation funded money to replace computers at the Newburg Branch Library
- ❖ Slide presentation – pictures of the flood (**attachment**)
- ❖ All is back-up and working
 - ✓ Fire Department lent a station for trans-shipment of books – 6th York Fire Station
 - ✓ Metropolitan Sewer District has offer to help improve the sewer system so nothing like this can happen again
 - ✓ People have donated \$100,000 Dollars
 - ✓ Donors from 21 states have contributed to the recovery of the Library
 - ✓ Cannot except any books no space to store them – asking people to **donate** to the **Library Flood Recovery Fund**
 - ✓ Had to restore the on-line systems – all are back up and functioning
 - ✓ Need to get elevators restored
 - ✓ All Libraries are fully operating
 - ✓ The main library is open
 - ✓ The air is brought in through tubes to dry the building out
 - ✓ Looking for Book Mobiles to purchase – they are very expensive
 - ✓ Need to have the building sealed before cold weather arrives
 - ✓ Working with the Insurance Company and FEMA
- ❖ Total loss will not know until all repairs are done and the Libraries are up and running 100%
- ❖ The employees of the Library worked overtime – Staff is eager to help their customers
- ❖ Staff will retrieve books and help persons that are disabled
- ❖ 2010 the Libraries should be operating fully
- ❖ Water damage was at the Shawnee, Iroquois, Bon Air and a small amount of water at the Crescent Library
 - Have some preparation work that still needs to be done at the Shawnee Library
 - All four Libraries are up and running
- ❖ Mr. Buthod stated he would report progress to the Committee whenever they request an update
 - ✓ Need support from the Council
- ❖ He stated any questions regarding insurance - would be best if the Insurance Company comes in and gives the report.
- ❖ Mr. Buthod thanked the government , citizens and all who have helped with the endeavor

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on September 10, 2009.**

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